



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

~~Use~~ application of

Geoffrey B. Rhoads

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**For: METHODS FOR SURVEYING
DISSEMINATION OF
PROPRIETARY EMPIRICAL
DATA (as amended)**

Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to Examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Title:

Change the title to read --METHODS FOR SURVEYING DISSEMINATION OF
PROPRIETARY EMPIRICAL DATA--

In the Abstract:

Delete the Abstract presently pending, and substitute therefore the Abstract on the attached page.

In the Claims:

Cancel all pending claims without prejudice, and substitute therefore new claims as follows: